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CBE's take on democracy questioned

Investigation.

Parliamentarian begins probing new procedures amid concerns basic rights of elected officials are being violated



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New rules passed by public school trustees "run the

risk of thwarting the democratic process," says an expert on parliamentary rules and procedures.

Rob James, one of two Albertans formally recognized by the National Association of Parliamentarians, deems removing the ability for Calgary Board of Education (CBE) trustees to bring forward notices of motion in a public meeting — a change voted through Tuesday night — "highly, highly irregular."

"Parliamentary rules are

there to protect the rights of all members, protect the rights of the minority, while arriving at the rule of the majority," James said.

"They need to do it properly."

James said he began investigating the CBE's actions on his own accord after following media coverage of the proposed board procedural changes.

But trustee chair Pat Cochrane, one of three members who helped develop the procedural chan-

'Strong feelings'

"I think democracy is messy and people will have strong feelings and they will disagree.... Our kids are being successful and we need to focus on that."

CBE trustee chair Pat Cochrane

ges, questioned the validity of James' claim, adding her working group found just four of 62 school boards operating in Alberta allow notices of motions in meetings.

"It's a bigger, broader process than simply somebody coming to one meeting and saying, 'I would like to address this issue,'" Cochrane added.

The changes were passed

by a 5-2 vote after a heated public debate that saw allegations from trustee Pamela King of bullying and grandstanding.

Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk said those types of comments can cast negative light on education and encouraged the board to resolve matters professionally.

"Solve your own problem," he said. "Because if I have to solve your problem, chances are none of you will be happy."



READY TO ROCK

Alberta in the final four

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Alberta skip Kevin Koe and his rink make their way into weekend play at the Tim Hortons Brier in Saskatoon. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Time to spring forward

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Man behind Kony 2012 video fends off criticism

Jason Russell responds to criticism of his humanitarian group Invisible Children

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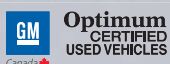
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City

Majority find downtown safer, cleaner: Survey

Calgarians are saying the downtown is safer and cleaner than it was last year, according to new survey results released by the city.

The Centre City Citizen Perception Survey results were released Thursday, and it showed 86 per cent said the safety in the Centre City had improved or stayed the same over the past 12 months, and 89 per cent said the overall cleanliness of the same area had improved or stayed the same. Centre City residents were the most likely to say that it had improved, according to survey results.

"The survey findings show us that people are noticing the City of Calgary's work to make our Centre City safe, clean, vibrant and vital," said Dawn Thome, Centre City planning and implementation.

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Central Alberta

RCMP investigating double homicide

RCMP are probing the scene of an apparent double homicide in the Central Alberta community of Hanna.

Police were called to a home in Hanna in the early hours of Thursday morning, they said, and upon arriving at the scene they found a man who claimed he killed two people inside the home.

Upon further investigation, police found a man and a woman dead inside the home.

According to police, the 24-year-old, who is now in custody, is believed to be related to one of the victims. METRO



Calgarians will no longer be able come and go from downtown parkades without paying if a pilot project is given the green light. METRO FILE

'Virtual gates' aim to nab non-paying parkade dwellers

Non-compliance.

Convenience of entry into downtown lots has led to need for new type of enforcement: Parking authority



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Indicating a need to better use space in downtown parkades, the Calgary Parking Authority is turning to a high-tech solution.

Over the next few months, officials plan to begin experimenting with automated cameras at entries of the Centennial parkade, which can be accessed

Quoted

"You used to have pull a ticket to get in. Now, you don't have any delays driving in, but the convenience of that has required us to do enforcement."

Calgary Parking Authority head Troy McLeod on downtown parkades

from both 9th Avenue and 5th Street Southwest.

As each vehicle enters the 1,000-stall facility, the camera will snap a picture of its licence plate. Those images will be cross-referenced with the Park-Plus pay system to determine who paid and who didn't — violators would then receive notice of a fine in the mail.

"It will basically bring us to 100 per cent compliance," McLeod said. "A virtual gate is probably the best way to de-

scribe it."

Data gathered by the authority suggests anywhere from 3-5 per cent of parkade users avoid payment — this can add up to hundreds of violators each day.

Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association, believes the cameras will ensure better use of space in parkades for those headed to popular destinations in the core.

"People need to pay for the parking they have got down

On camera

- Automated cameras are already used for enforcement onboard Calgary Parking Authority vehicles, but those can be difficult to manoeuvre in tight parkades, said manager Troy McLeod.
- There are approximately 5,100 parkade stalls in the downtown core.

here," she said. "We know it's not the most pleasant experience but it's really unfair to everybody else if people don't."

McLeod said if the pilot project goes well, the cameras will likely be installed at all parkades owned by the authority.

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On the web

Fragile Fukushima

Nearly one year after the tsunami hit Japan, the Fukushima power plant remains fragile, crews continue cleaning the city, and officials constantly test the food and water. See how residents are dealing with the fear of radiation: metronews.ca/video



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Finish line near for new track

Racing. Two locations on the city's outskirts remain in the running after Race City closed at year's end



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They can see the checkered flag; there's just one major decision in the way of a new Calgary-area motorsports park.

The city's previous go-to destination for automobile action, Race City Motorsports Park, closed at the end of last year.

Rick Coutts with the Motorsports, Arts Culture and Sports Group (MARCS) said his group could be prepared to publicly announce a new venue in just one to two months' time.

"Really what we are trying (is) to take all of the lessons learned out of Race City and make sure that next step is taken," Coutts said Thursday. "There is a funding model that we have got in place.... We see (it) as quite plausible, quite doable."

Coutts said a confidentiality agreement prevents him from disclosing the locations

Gearing up for change

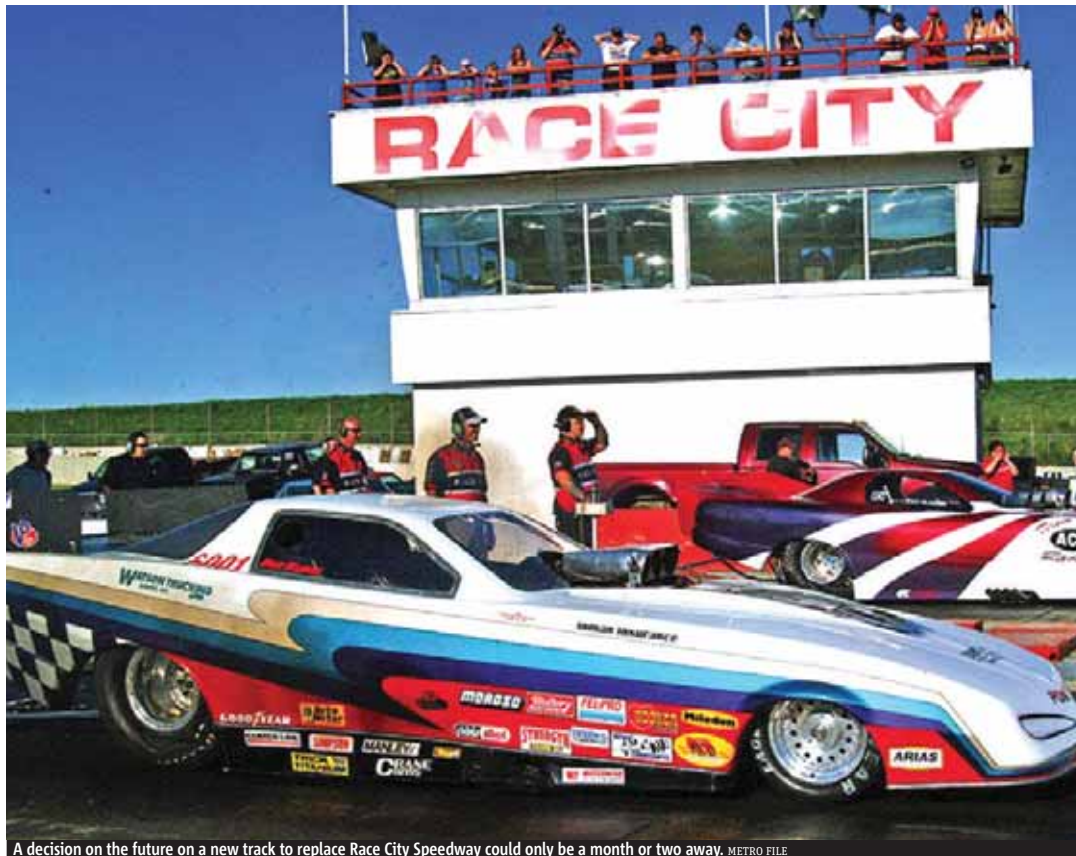
- **Ald. Shane Keating** said the new motorsports park will likely offer a more challenging track, a strip mall for automotive suppliers, classroom and clubhouse areas as well as better concessions for race spectators.

- **Both locations** being considered for the park are not within Calgary's city limits but would be less than a half-hour's drive away, MARCS representative Rick Coutts said.

being considered, but believes both could fill his group's wishes. The development would cost millions but definitive financial details are also being withheld at this point.

Ald. Shane Keating, whose ward includes the former Race City location, pushes the appeal of the new location a bit further. "I guess you could describe it best as an international stage," he said.

While Keating expressed optimism that the new motorsports park would be able to service racing all the way up to NASCAR levels, Coutts said analysis of the economics surrounding such events has left his group "doubtful."



A decision on the future on a new track to replace Race City Speedway could only be a month or two away. METRO FILE

SAIT reaches beyond Canadian borders

Braving the dangers of being out past curfew, two Afghan women students made a quick video conference call from Kandahar to SAIT to express their thanks for the education they have received in Afghanistan through the Afghan-Canadian Community Center (ACCC) on Thursday.

Donning SAIT caps and gowns, Maryam and Heena will be two of the 16 students, who will be walking the stage

in Kandahar, to receive a SAIT certificate of achievement in Business Management this coming week.

The presentation also celebrates International Women's Day on March 8.

"Ultimately, we want to promote change for women in Afghanistan," said Heena, 18, who has five sisters and two brothers.

Heena wants to continue her education to become a doctor and provide a better

life for herself and her family.

For security reasons, the last names of the girls cannot be released, nor can the date of the graduation ceremony.

In total, 200 female students will be graduating from the ACCC.

"This gives women a chance to support their families," said Ehsanullah Ehsan, director of the Afghan-Canadian Community Center in Afghanistan.

"It can change their whole

By the numbers

- This year marks the 101st International Women's Day.
- Kandahar is 11.5 hours ahead of Calgary time.

lives."

SAIT Polytechnic has been a partner with the CIDA-funded ACCC since 2007.

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Afghan student Heena, from the Afghan-Canadian Community Centre, speaks with Gord Nixon, vice-president academic at SAIT Polytechnic, via Skype on Thursday to celebrate International Women's Day. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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Soldier portraits. Ontario artist gives back to the families left behind



This photo of Chad Horn and Scuba Steve the cat inspired Sarah Blanche's drawing. COURTESY OF DAVE MURPHY

In the early-morning hours, it's not uncommon to find Sarah Blanche huddled over her artwork.

Pursuing a teaching degree by day, the Petawawa, Ont., resident spends her nights giving back to the families of brave Canadian men and women who have lost lives in the line of duty.

"It's a way for me to do my part," she explained. "I can't imagine what some of these families must go through."

Blanche's own husband completed one tour in Afghanistan in 2010. Luckily, he came home — but 158 others did not.

Inspired by their sacrifice, Blanche has now used her artistic talents to create 20 drawings for family members left behind.

Often, she chooses to model a more traditional image of a fallen soldier, depicting them in their traditional beret and perfectly maintained fatigues.

In the case of Pte. Chad Horn, however, she went with a much different image, but one that she said appears to suit her subject just fine.

"I just thought it was such a unique image to have such a caring moment in the middle of a war," Blanche said.

She added another personal touch as well, bordering the bottom of the piece with a slogan Horn had tattooed across the entire width of his back.

It reads, "For those I love I will sacrifice."

JEREMY NOLAIS

Canadian soldier loved creatures great and small

In the line of duty. Calgary's Chad Horn was killed in September 2008, just 10 days before he was to return home



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Pte. Chad Horn loved animals.

Even amidst the uncertainty and horror of combat in Afghanistan, the Calgary native found comfort in caring for creatures smaller than him.

"He was always trading food with other soldiers," recalled Cpl. Wade Taylor, who served alongside Horn in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry battle group.

"We would sit by the gate of our forward operating base and animals would come by and we would feed them."

Stationed in the Zhari district of Afghanistan's often-volatile Kandahar province, Taylor and his comrades watched curiously as one cat became accustomed to the daily feedings. Although female and clearly pregnant, she quickly became known as Scuba Steve.

Horn had taken a liking to the oft-hungry feline. Taylor comically recalled one day Horn was in the midst of feeding Scuba when a massive firefight broke out.

The cat, accustomed to frequent combat in the area, was little bothered by the nearby danger.

Back at home, Horn's mother, Anita Bowes, knew little of his relationship with Scuba but was not surprised to find out later when going over his field notes.

"Animals were such a huge part of who he was," she said.

"I always thought a job with the police K-9 unit would be a good fit when he got back."

Sadly, Horn never got a chance to pursue such a career. On their last patrol out of the Zhari base, his group was ambushed by dozens of Taliban fighters.

Horn, less than two weeks away from returning home, was killed along with Cpls. Andrew Grenon and Mike Seggie. Five others were wounded.

Upon returning home, Taylor uncovered photos of Horn and Scuba — and one image caught the eye of Calgarian Dave Murphy, who runs numerous military support campaigns through his online initiative, Thank A Soldier.

Murphy enlisted the help of Ontario artist Sarah Blanche, who is herself a military wife, and she recently completed a drawing of Horn and Scuba.

Bowes said she was overcome with joy to receive such a keepsake.

"It just fits him so well," she said.

"I can look at it and think, 'Yep, that's Chad.'"

This cat's for keeps

- Inoculation.** Military officials had threatened to remove cats from the area where Pte. Chad Horn and fellow soldiers were stationed in Afghanistan, fearing they would spread disease, recalled Cpl. Wade Taylor. Horn, however, organized an inoculation campaign to allow the cats to stay.

- Home base.** Long after Cpl. Wade Taylor and his surviving comrades left the forward operating base in the Zhari district, replacement soldiers continued to send updates of Scuba Steve strolling by for her daily meal.

Field notes

Escaping for awhile with Scuba Steve

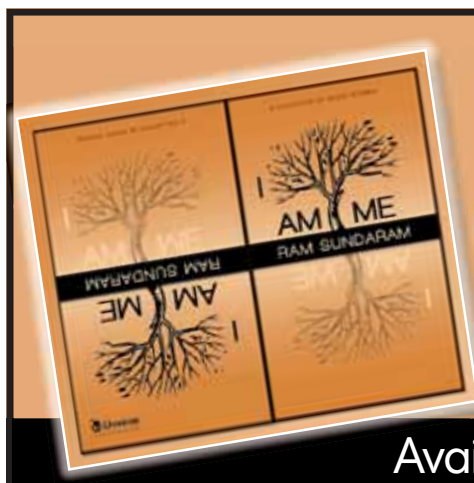
This excerpt is taken directly from the field notes of Pte. Chad Horn.

It was provided to Metro by mother Anita Bowes and captures the first time, in 2008, that Horn met the cat that would later be known as Scuba Steve.

"Well enough violent stuff ... for now hehe, we at (the) front gate have a pet cat! We call her Scuba ... She's prego too? A decent way along."

Scuba Steve is seen at a forward operating base in the Zhari District in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province.

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Anita Bowes holds a drawing created by artist Sarah Blanche in honour of her deceased son, Pte. Chad Horn, and the special relationship he had with a cat named Scuba Steve while serving in Afghanistan. JEREMY NOLAIS/MET

Tim Hortons. How two Canadian soldiers bonded over a cup of joe

Call it a bit of Canadian irony, but Dave Murphy and Pte. Chad Horn bonded through a love of Tim Horton's coffee.

Murphy's efforts to support individuals like Horn was born of his own tragedy.

In 1994, just two weeks away from beginning a career with the Canadian Armed Forces, the then-17-year-old Murphy was stabbed repeatedly and left for dead near the Bayshore Shopping Centre in Ottawa. If not for the help of two off-duty firefighters, he maintains he likely would have died.

It was during his recovery that Murphy began the early workings of his now fully established military-support group, Thank A Soldier.

One of his earliest initiatives was the creation of a Facebook group in 2007 titled "Tim Hor-

tons for Our Troops," which encouraged Canadians to send gift cards to soldiers overseas that could be used at the established Tim Hortons in Kandahar.

Pte. Horn was one lucky recipient of a good old cup of joe and messaged Murphy to express his thanks. Even after his death, Murphy claims he holds a special connection with the determined soldier.

A few days after Horn's funeral, Murphy and a friend were walking towards a downtown LRT station, when he got a strange feeling to skip a short-cut. The next day they learned of a shooting in the exact area where they would have been. "Some people might say it was instinct, but I think it was something higher," Murphy said.

Visit thankasoldier.net for more information. JEREMY NOLAIS

Ambush aftermath

- **Bravery.** Survivors of the Sept. 3, 2008, ambush that saw Pte. Chad Horn and two fellow soldiers killed claim even injured members of the battle group pulled themselves out of

a damaged armoured truck and fought back. Horn was credited by senior military staff as being the most talented gunner and likely responsible for sparing many lives while in service.



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Labour action

Tentative deal reached with hospital workers

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Taser used

Man beaten by home invaders

Five suspects are being sought after a man was attacked and bound in a Calgary parkade then had his house ransacked Thursday. The attackers allegedly used a conductive energy weapon on the victim. Police are searching for five dark-skinned males who were driving a silver or grey minivan. **METRO**

Triple-murder trial

Informant denies Bolsha shootings

Accusations were directed at a key witness in a Calgary triple-murder trial. But on the stand Thursday, a person identified only as M.M. denied taking part in the shooting deaths at the Bolsha Restaurant in 2009. M.M. accuses Real Honorio as an executioner involved in the deaths of gang member Sanjeev Mann, friend Aaron Bendle and bystander Keni Su'a. **METRO**



Planning ahead is a good way to ensure you're prepared for the loss of an hour of sleep, says the U of C's Dr. Adam Moscovitch. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Don't lose sleep over time change: Doctor

Sleep tight. Daylight time starts at 2 a.m. on Sunday



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As we prepare to spring ahead one hour heading into daylight time, the sleep doc offers tips for coping with loss of sleep.

Dr. Adam Moscovitch is a sleep-medicine specialist and clinical associate professor at the University of Calgary's faculty of medicine.

Moscovitch says there are

two things that disrupt sleep patterns around this time of year.

"Most people have more problems with their sleep during the winter months, especially when they spend less time outside and get less sun exposure," he said. "The other issue that is coming up this particular weekend is changing the clock. As a result, they will be sleeping one hour less."

Moscovitch says there are several health risks that arise from losing out on a full eight hours of shut-eye.

"The statistics are that accidents in Canada in particular have been shown to increase by about 10 per

Zzzzzzz

- **Sleep doc.** Dr. Adam Moscovitch, known as the sleep doc, will be in Calgary to discuss sleep on March 12 and 13.

- **The big sleep.** National Sleep Awareness Week runs from March 5 to 11.

cent on the one day after the change of the clock, as a result of that one hour of sleep deprivation."

Moscovitch says preparing for the time change and ensuring that hour of sleep is not lost is key to staying on track.

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WHY, OH 'Y'?

About 400 years ago, Shakespeare asked the question, "What's in a name?" It's a query that, if asked today, would have to be modified to include "... and how do you spell it?"

This week, Alberta released a list of every single name given to all 50,592 babies born last year. Liam, Ethan and Mason topped the list for boys' names, while Olivia, Sophia and Emma were the most popular names for girls. All perfectly good names, but scroll further down and boy, oh boy, did Alberta ever come up with some doozies.

Before I get to the real problem, let me first establish that I don't have children. Which, besides disappointing my parents, means I've never been assigned the relatively easy task of naming a child in a way that wouldn't immediately make him or her a target for bullying.

That said, I have a growing concern that many parents in this province seem to be setting their kids up for a life full of corrections and misspelled name tags. Phonetic spellers especially have had a field day naming their offspring. Daycares will soon be filled with kids named Cayleb, Zakery and Addisyn. (Even as I type each name, my computer's spellcheck is desperate to correct their spelling.)

In truth, the naming epidemic has caused me to consider getting Botox — that way, I won't look so shocked when friends and co-workers tell me they've named their child Baze, Tank, Brylee, Feather, Arrow, Tulip and Bronxton.

Speaking of New York boroughs, another neighbourhood that was popular as a baby name was Brooklyn. Along with 11 ways of spelling it. Yes, moms and dads came up with 11 completely different variations of spelling a place they've likely never even visited. I kid you not: Brooklyn, Brooklynn, Brookelynn, Brooklynnne, Brooklin, Brooke-Lynn, BrookLynn, Brooklin, Brooklyn, Brooke-Lynn and Brook-Lyn all made the entirely-too-lengthy list.

It may seem that I'm being harsh. After all, how could I possibly find fault in anything as sweet as a baby's name?

Well, someday you and I are both going to have to work with someone named Trinity or Serenity. And there's a strong chance your boss could be named Moo or Smiley and you'll have to convince them to take you seriously.

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26.6M

The video, which was posted on Monday, stood at 26.6 million views by Thursday morning.

Jason Russell, director of the viral Kony 2012 video, responded to criticism of his humanitarian group, Invisible Children, on Thursday. He called in to the Roz and Mocha show on KiSS 92.5 FM.

So what's the last 48 hours been like?

Man, we haven't really slept.... The world's waking up to their potential.

When did you post this online? It now stands at 26.6 million views.

We posted this on Monday at noon ... and by that night it had 60,000 views and we were freaking out.

Anytime anyone asked me to put this on Facebook or re-tweet it, I had one question: why?

(People) don't know how to stop child soldiering ... but now things are changing because of technology.... This is about Kony, the world's worst criminal.... It would be an injustice if he actually

was captured and nobody knew about it.

You have been criticized for your organization's finances and not having Africans on your board. What can somebody who buys a (sticker) on your website actually do to help?

I mean, putting up the sticker actually does help it because it awakens the consciousness of this world.

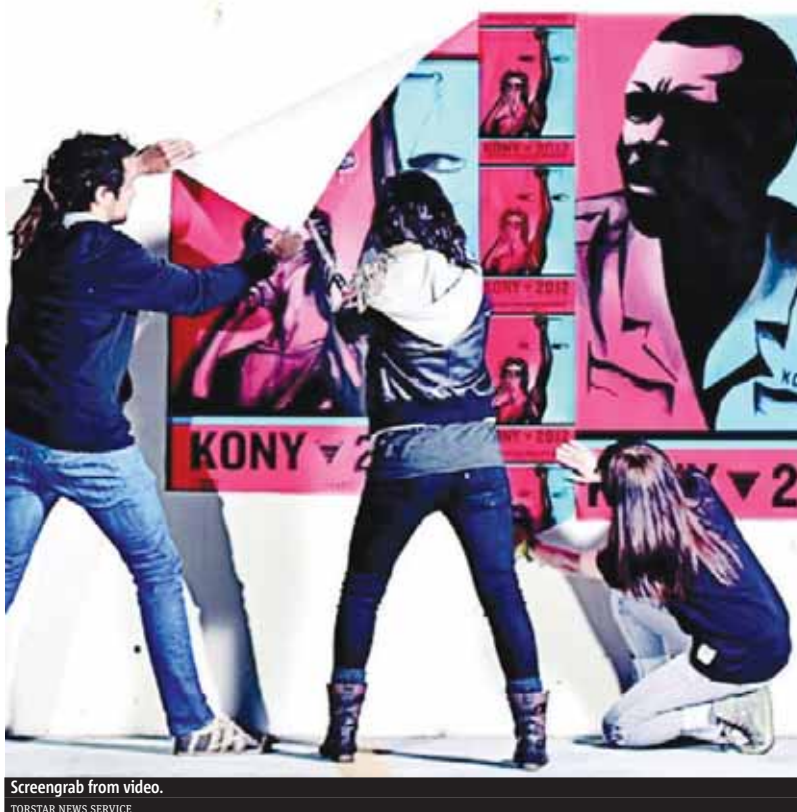
(Have any celebrities) responded to you?

Oprah Winfrey ... was the first one to tweet it out ... (and to) support us financially.... And then came more, Taylor Swift, Ryan Seacrest.... Justin Bieber just started tweeting about it.

How much money have you guys made off the website in the last 48 hours?

Over \$5 million.

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Screengrab from video.

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More demonstrations

Student hurt in eye during Que. tuition protests

A student demonstrator feared losing sight in one eye Thursday, feeding an atmosphere of heightened tensions over Quebec's tuition-fee hikes.

There were more protests one day after 20-year-old protester Francis Grenier suffered a partially detached retina following the explosion of a police stun grenade during a demonstration Wednesday in downtown Montreal.

Some students taunted police by wearing eye-patches in reference to Grenier. There were also chants and a variety of hand gestures, ranging from two-fingered peace signs to one-fingered salutes.

"Police is everywhere, justice is nowhere," some chanted.

A day earlier, seven people were arrested during a pair of Montreal protests — the latest in a string of demonstrations by students who believe Quebec's rock-bottom tuition rates are a basic right. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

El Salvador is a tiny country — less than half the size of Nova Scotia, with a population about the size of the GTA — but it is one of the most dangerous countries in the Western hemisphere. There were 3,985 violent deaths in El Salvador in 2010, most related to gang activity; that is a higher per-capita number than in Afghanistan.

That's why communities place a high priority on giving their young people tools to build a future. "Our preschool centres are critically important," says Laura Mata, chief of communications for World Vision El Salvador, which works with community groups to create programs to ad-

dress their most pressing needs. "By giving small children a good educational foundation, they're ready for Grade 1. They're then more likely to be successful and less likely to flunk out or quit later."

World Vision's Children's Clubs and Youth Clubs not only provide young people with a safe place to socialize, but also give them life skills and vocational training. (In one club, Kevin, 15 was learning to bake bread and fancy pastries; in another, a band of musicians practiced while another group took learned to paint.)

Carlos, who is now 17, remembers the first time he went to a World Vi-

sion Communications Club in Tacuba, a small mountain town near the Guatemalan border where local gangs are particularly powerful. "I was 13. Some of my friends had been to the club and done a radio show, and they needed more people. I went. I was very nervous. But it was such a nice experience my [nervousness] vanished."

Before that, Carlos had been playing hookey from school since age 10, had failed 4th grade and fallen in with a sketchy group. At the club, "I got really involved. I realized I had to stop doing the things I'd been doing. I started studying again." Today he



World Vision's Youth Clubs give children a place to have fun and learn, nurturing talents that give them hope for a productive, fulfilling future.

leads other teens in the group and works half-days at a local professional radio station while attending high school.

Of course World Vision Canada sponsorships support efforts like nutrition and health care programs in El Salvador. But Laura believes that is just as important to "improve knowl-

edge. You can't change lives by just giving tangible things," she says. "Change comes by giving life skills and vocational skills so that [young people] can be someone in the future."

At the Tacuba Communications Club, says Carlos, "getting into the radio shows is what changed my life."



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Emotional officer
describes desperate
police effort to find
missing 8-year-old

A huge contingent of police officers worked flat out for up to 20 hours a day over six weeks in hopes of finding eight-year-old Victoria Stafford alive, so it was a crushing blow when a young woman confessed the girl was dead, court in London, Ont. heard Thursday.

From April 8 until Terri-Lynne McClintic confessed on May 19 to her part in Tori's

**Victoria Stafford**
THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

murder, police held out hope Tori was alive somewhere.

“The investigation went from an abduction investigation to a homicide investigation,” Det. Const. Sean Kelly

testified, his voice trembling with emotion.

“It was quite significant and it had ... a pretty big impact.”

Kelly choked up and had difficulty speaking, so he paused, staring at the ceiling and trying to blink away tears.

“I’m good,” he said eventually. “We’ll continue.”

“We did the best that we could,” he said.

Kelly was the last witness to testify this week at the trial of McClintic’s boyfriend Michael Rafferty, 31.

McClintic pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence. She is set to take the stand on Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Derailment in South Carolina

Workers inspect derailed train cars in Abbotsville, S.C. on Thursday. Officials say 27 cars piled up on the tracks around 4:45 a.m. SEFTON IPOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Analysis

Concerns divide families

Earlier this year Robert Knoth, a Dutch photographer, travelled to Fukushima to document residents' everyday lives.

"Even outside the exclusion zone, there are lots of empty villages," he says. "There are only a few people there who don't want to leave. Many have lived there for generations."

And the accident caused rifts in local families. "Young people didn't believe the government's claims that it was safe to stay," explains Knoth.

"They wanted to leave, but that caused conflicts because Japanese families act collectively."

Kenta Sato, a young Tweeter who worked for his father's company, quit his job and moved to Fukushima City. Now he lives on his savings, with no job prospects in sight.

METRO WORLD NEWS

A year after disaster, Japan still struggles

Fukushima. Somehow, life goes on in the shadow of shattered nuclear reactors

ELISABETH BRAW

Metro World News

One year ago, an earthquake struck the waters off Fukushima, a quiet city in central Japan. The 8.9 tremor caused a tsunami, which hit the city's nuclear power plant. Within minutes, three of the plant's reactors overheated and released clouds of radioactivity.

"I was at home on my farm," recalls Tatsuko Ogawara, an organic farmer who lives 40 kilometres from the reactor. "A geiger counter we bought 26 years ago showed radiation levels 30 times higher than normal. When this happened, I wanted to evacuate to western Japan with my children.

Health concerns



Tatsuko Ogawara
Organic farmer

"The radiation levels of our crops are a big problem now."

However, I respected the decision our children made and decided to remain in our home."

One year later, Ogawara remains at her family farm — but the Fukushima region has changed. The 20-kilometre exclusion zone around the plant is a Chernobyl-like landscape inhabited only by animals.

"And a 13,000 square kilometre area is still contaminated above the international limit," says Jan Beranek, a nuclear expert at Greenpeace, who has measured the area's radioactivity.



The effects of the earthquake, tsunami and accident reached Tokyo.

"It will take three decades before the radioactive isotopes are broken down. Until then, the Fukushima region is a ticking time bomb. The contaminated water is especially dangerous, since it

could leak and contaminate reservoirs."

For Ogawara, the radioactivity is a constant concern: "We have lost many customers due to radiation fears. And I'm very worried about the health of my children."

The Ogawaras' oldest daughter has already left Fukushima.

In fact, while authorities and TEPCO, the nuclear plant's operator, quickly repaired the broken reactors, surprisingly little attention has been paid to the health of the area's residents.

Says Ogawara: "Decontamination has become a business and there is big money moving around, but this money isn't going into the community, it is going into big business."

TEPCO could not be reached for comment.

But Fukushima has changed Japan. The government plans to phase out the country's nuclear reactors.



Fishermen work near debris at the port of Fukushima. Much of the debris is from the former town.

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Minamisanriku nearly a year after the March 11 tsunami hit the northeastern Japanese town.

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Scandal. Bureaucrat used public funds for massages, TVs: Watchdog

A federal public servant charged massages as office supplies, put in for bogus expenses, took home flat-screen TVs paid for with office funds and used a government car as a personal vehicle, all while bullying and browbeating underlings.

These are among the findings of a damning report tabled Thursday by Public Sector Integrity Commissioner Mario Dion.

The case involves a western regional manager in Human Resources and Skills Development who is not otherwise identified.

Dion said lax policies allowed the manager to divert government equipment to a personal business, claim phoney expenses and cut sweetheart deals for family and friends, while terrorizing staff.

The manager also ignored rules about confidentiality and disclosed personal information about employees to other members of staff. As well, the manager used the passwords and access codes of employees who worked

Corruption

The manager, who had been in the job for nine years, left the government during Dion's 2010 investigation, although the report doesn't say whether the bureaucrat was fired or quit.

- The department says it has tightened its procedures to keep closer track of spending and better monitor its staff. And it has recovered the TVs and other goodies the manager took home.

in different offices to make financial entries without their knowledge or consent. "I have determined that the breadth, severity and frequency of the manager's wrongdoing constitute gross mismanagement in the public sector," Dion said in a release.

The mess was uncovered after frightened public servants complained to Dion's office in February 2010.

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Alaska bear cub recreates famous Winnie-the-Pooh scene

This photo provided by Michael Keye Schuler shows a bear cub with its head stuck in a container Sunday, March 4, on top of Deer Mountain in Ketchikan, Alaska. Schuler was hiking when he found the cub on the summit, and was able to set it free.

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Aung San Suu Kyi with John Baird.
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Aung San Suu Kyi's steely resolve

Aung San Suu Kyi used Thursday's visit of Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird to fire another round in her long fight for freedom — she warned of voter fraud threatening Myanmar's coming landmark elections.

With a steely resolve, the celebrated Nobel laureate

warned that bogus voters' lists are threatening her country's tough road to democratic freedom. Baird, latest in a long line of international visitors, readily agreed.

The revelation added gravity to Baird's historic visit to Myanmar, also known as Burma, where he personally conferred

honorary Canadian citizenship on Suu Kyi.

Emerging from nearly an hour of talks at her lakeside Yangon residence, a place where she has served 15 of the last 23 years under arrest, Suu Kyi disclosed the new threat to her historic campaign.

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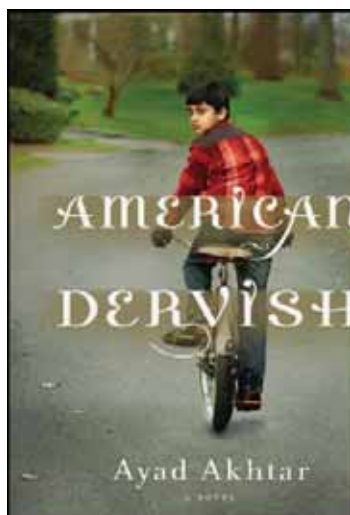


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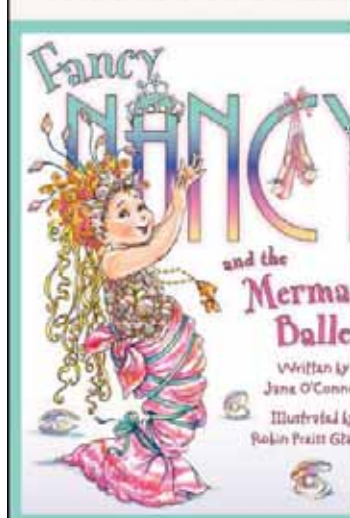
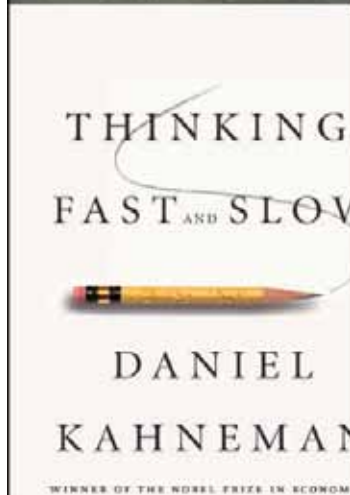
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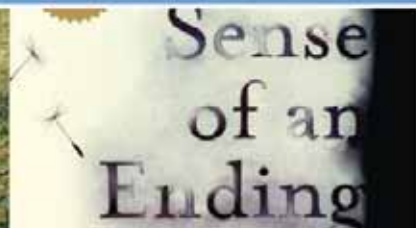
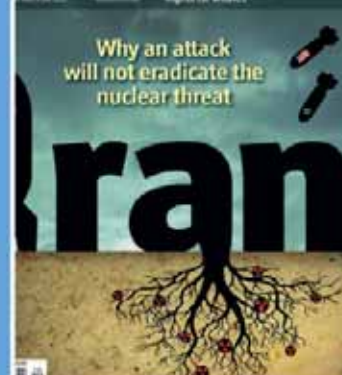
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That’s the message protesters were chanting at Halifax station Q104’s headquarters Thursday in response to the radio station’s controversial The Male is in the Czech contest. About 30 men and women gathered in protest.

“Czech your privilege,” “My gender is not a currency,” and “End your show” were just a few of the signs waved around.

The station’s contest — dubbed on the Q website as a mail-order-bride giveaway — closed Thursday, which also happened to be International Women’s Day.

Winners of the contest will fly to Prague, where they will participate in four pre-planned dates through the Flying Hearts International Dating



Protesters rally against the Male is in the Czech promotion at Q104’s offices in Halifax on Thursday afternoon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Service, which according to its website, gives men the opportunity to “meet many beautiful, educated and devoted

Czech and Eastern European women ... for friendship, long-term relationship and marriage.”

Print scandal**Newspaper fined
over racy photo**

A Tunisian court has convicted and fined the publisher of a Tunisian newspaper for violating public morals by printing a photo of a football player’s naked girlfriend.

The publisher was fined \$660 and the court ordered all copies of the newspaper issue destroyed.

Critics call the case an attack on media freedom in the country that sparked uprisings across the Arab world last year.

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Unwelcome guest**Students set up
rival to DSK speech**

Cambridge University students opposed to an appearance by Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former IMF chief accused of sexual assault, have invited his accuser’s lawyer to speak there the same day.

The one-time French political star is due to speak on Europe’s financial crisis at the Cambridge Union debating society Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Fiscal forecast

Bank of Canada holds interest rate

As widely expected, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and his policy-setting team kept the trendsetting overnight interest rate at the highly stimulative rate of one per cent for the 12th consecutive date on Thursday. The central bank's upbeat tone Thursday appeared to cheer the markets. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Media monitor

U.K. press regulator to be replaced

Britain's press regulator, much criticized amid a scandal over tabloid phone hacking, confirmed Thursday that it is to be abolished and replaced with a new body. Author J.K. Rowling was one of several celebrities to criticize the regulator in testimony to Britain's media ethics inquiry, calling it "toothless." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling.
JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Controversial project

U.S. Senate rejects Keystone pipeline

TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline has been denied a lifeline thrown to it by congressional Republicans after the U.S. Senate narrowly rejected their attempts to force the approval of the project. A total of 56 senators voted Thursday in favour of the measure, four short of the 60 needed for approval. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Raitt steps in to halt Air Canada work stoppage

Labour dispute. Minister urges both sides to return to the bargaining table despite intervention

Federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt stepped in Thursday to prevent a work stoppage at Air Canada that would have thrown the travel plans of thousands of families into chaos at the beginning of a holiday week.

"Our government's con-

cerned that the work stoppages are going to have an effect both on our national economy and of course on the Canadian travelling public," the minister said.

"We all know that it's March break, especially in Quebec, in Ontario and the following week after in British Columbia. And we know this can have an effect on Canadian families, especially since this is a really peak travel season."

Raitt sent the dispute between the airline and two of its unions — the pilots and ground crew — to the Canadian Industrial Relations Board to see how

a work stoppage would affect the health and safety of Canadians.

"It is still a valid question to me, especially when it comes to passengers and cargo, and that's exactly why we're going to be sending it over to the CIRB," Raitt said Thursday.

While the board reviews the case, the airline cannot lock out its employees and the unions cannot start a strike.

Air Canada confirmed that there would be no disruption of service and its full schedule would remain unchanged.

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An Air Canada pilot walks through the terminal at Stanfield International Airport in Halifax on Thursday. Air Canada is threatening to lock out its pilots after making its final contract offer. **ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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WOMEN'S DAY, RUSH LIMBAUGH AND AN EXPLETIVE



THE LIST
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Metro

It's that time of the week again, when we roll out our list of the most amazing things happening. No use arguing ... the decision of the judges is final.

1 International Women's Day: You've still got a long way to

go, baby. Only 17 per cent of the corporate officers and 13 per cent of the directors in Canada's top 500 companies are women. That's because the men have done such a good job.

2 The Abyss 2: James Cameron, director of Avatar, Titanic and The Abyss, announced that he's building a special submarine to descend to the bottom of the sea. The Marianas Trench, to be precise, is the deepest point in the ocean, where the pressure is 1,000 times greater than on the surface. The difference from his last visit to the abyss: This time, if the sub starts to leak, he can't just yell "cut!"

3 iPad X: OK, so it doesn't deliver world peace. The Apple iPad released Wednesday does have a better screen, a better battery, better graphics and a better camera, and some people are still disappointed because it's not called iPad 3 or doesn't make toast. Geeks gone wild.

4 Rush Limbaugh, you ignorant slut: If the spon-

sors and affiliates leaping off the bandwagon are any indication, America's foremost big-mouth may have finally gone too far when he called a U.S. law student testifying before Congress



Rush Limbaugh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a "slut" and a "prostitute," because she thinks it's a good idea for health care to pay for birth control. Sometimes the trouble with free speech is that you get what you pay for.

5 Super Tuesday: How many Republican presidential candidates does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Anybody but Mitt Romney, apparently. Finding a Republican to give Barry Obama a run for his money takes even longer than the NHL playoffs. If we're lucky, Newt

Gingrich and Don Cherry will both still be around in June.

6 Just in time for spring break: Air Canada's machinist union is either going to strike or the airline will lock them out. Oh, all those

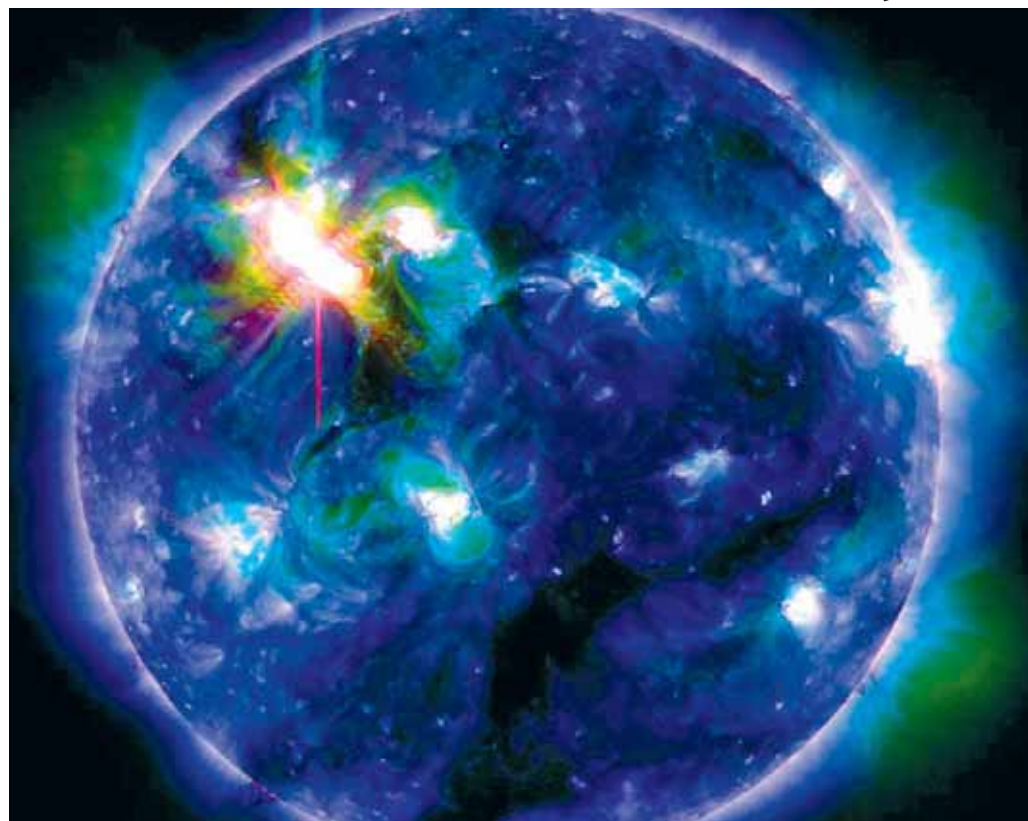


Mitt Romney. GETTY IMAGES

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7 Bieber Watch: Justin Bieber and I both have a birthday in the first week of March. To celebrate, he bought himself a \$10-million Hollywood mansion, only slightly used by Ashton Kutcher. I bought myself a latte. It went down smooth. Even though he's now a man, he still has the voice of a boy. I wonder if that's why he called his signature fragrance "Someday."

Solar storm could flex its muscles yet



NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lucky planet

Storm gets off to benign start

One of the strongest solar storms in years engulfed Earth early Thursday, but scientists say the planet may have lucked out.

Hours after the storm arrived, officials said there were no reports of problems with power grids, satellites or other technologies that are often disrupted by solar storms. But that could still change. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Disruptions

- The storm is part of the sun's normal 11-year cycle, which is supposed to reach a peak next year. Solar storms don't harm people, but they do disrupt technology. During the last peak around 2002, experts learned that GPS was vulnerable to solar outbursts.
- Because new technology has flourished since then, scientists could discover some new systems are also at risk, said the director of the Center for Integrated Space Weather Modeling at Boston University.

Auroras

Earth dealt a good solar storm, this year

The storm could shake the planet's magnetic field in ways that could disrupt technology but also spread colourful Northern Lights.

Forecasters can predict the speed a solar storm travels and its strength, but the north-south orientation is the wild card. And this time, Earth got dealt a good card with a northern orientation.

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Scientist says

"It could flip-flop and we could end up with the strength of the storm still to come."

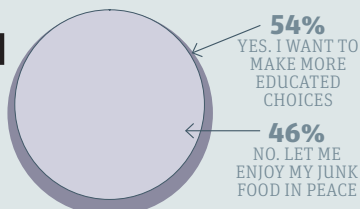
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Not even Eddie Murphy's charisma can save this lead-footed film. HANDOUT

This silence isn't golden

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



A Thousand Words. Eddie Murphy's spiritual comedy needs some divine intervention

Richard: Mark, *A Thousand Words* is billed as a comedy but I see it as something else entirely. I see it as a tragedy — a tragic waste of Eddie Murphy's talent.

He's in virtually every scene but his wide-eyed mugging for the camera — there hasn't been this mugging on screen since the first *Death Wish* movie (only movie geeks will get that joke) — isn't funny, it's just annoying.

What did you think?

Mark: The movie isn't funny, period.

It has a lead foot and a tin ear. It felt like a middle period Jim Carrey movie like

Liar, Liar or *Yes Man*, in which the main character has a supernaturally imposed rule that the comic has to follow that leads to some kind of enlightenment or personal growth.

Murphy's imposed silence in the movie robs him of his greatest gift — the gift of gab. So all he can do is pop his eyeballs and mime his lines. But, Richard, if the movie is this bad, why did it hold my interest?

RC: It didn't hold mine, but I would guess that you were responding to Murphy's charisma.

Even in terrible movies it's hard to take your eyes off him.

Although I have to say that I found this such an unpleasant movie-going experience that the loud fire alarm that rang intermittently in the theatre during the film was a welcome relief to what was happening on screen.

At least the fire alarm had some element of urgency to it, unlike the film, which seemed to think that allowing Murphy to pull faces at the camera for 90 minutes was enough to flesh out the story.

MB: Maybe it was just relief that he didn't wear the fat suit, or the glossy art direction, or the satirical pokes at pop spirituality.

It has one good scene, where he "speaks" by using the prerecorded voice in various kids' toys.

But the abrupt turn of mood in the last third of the movie, changing from tepid comedy to outright mawkish sentimentalism made me squirm — big time.

Sorry, but I don't need a lesson in family values from a guy whose track record on Hollywood Boulevard speaks for itself.

RC: Ha!

Synopsis

Teaming up with Norbet director Brian Robins again, Eddie Murphy plays Jack McCall, a fast talking literary agent who double-crosses new age guru Dr. Sinja (Cliff Curtis) on a book deal. Soon after, a magical Bodhi tree erupts through the ground in Jack's backyard. The tree will shed one leaf for every word McCall says, and after one thousand leaves have fallen, the true nature of the tree's curse will be revealed.

- Richard ●●●●●
- Mark ●●●●●

I can sum up my thoughts on *A Thousand Words* in far less than a thousand words: "Don't go. Save your money." You?

MB: Bad.

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SCENE



Scene in brief

Suing Seagal

Actor Steven Seagal and the Maricopa County sheriff's office are being sued over a 2011 arrest that a Phoenix-area man says was staged for a reality TV show. Jesus Llovera says Seagal and deputies unlawfully raided his home because they thought Llovera was raising fighting roosters. Llovera says the birds on his property were for show and not for fighting.

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On the Web



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Jeff, Who Lives at Home opens next Friday. HANDOUT

No more Mr. Nice Guy

Comedy. Affable Jason Segel, star of *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*, dishes on the things he dislikes — and cats are on his hit list



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Jason Segel has cemented his reputation as Hollywood's reigning Nice Guy, and with his latest film, *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*, he takes that image even further, playing an unyieldingly optimistic loser living in his mother's basement who sees the good in everyone.

But there has to be something that makes Segel angry. As it turns out, he's not such a big fan of cats.

Your character in this is remarkably positive and open to life.

Yeah, he's a special guy. He's a watcher, and he's taking things in. He really does have an undaunted confidence that there is a purpose to his life, and that's a pretty courageous thing to believe. I think ultimately he doesn't know how to make sense of a terrible tragedy — his father died when he was young, and he just believes that there must be some reason for that.

In less careful hands, these could be pretty laughable, demeaned characters.

I think the goal was to have the tone of life. We weren't trying for broad comedy, we weren't trying for dark comedy, we were just trying for honesty. And the Duplass Brothers demand honesty, and that's what made me want to work with them. They roll the camera and

On The Muppets

It's been announced that a Muppets sequel is in the works. But this project won't involve Jason Segel.

- "I worked very hard on this for half a decade. I just wanted a little Muppet break for a minute. Someday I may come back and do something, but I felt like I did what I set out to do, and now I'd like to do some more human-related projects," says Segel.

As for the fact that The Muppets received no Golden Globe nominations and only two best song nominations at the Oscars, Segel has this to say: "We're living in Cuckoosville, and I'm very lucky to be successful, but it's not the kind of stuff I get worked up about. As I've gotten older, the things I care about have really narrowed, and it's like my friends and my family. It's not awards season."

they point it at you, and they don't say much. They'll let it roll for 40 minutes, and what sort of clicks in your mind is, "Well, I guess I'm supposed to do acting right now. They're not going to say cut. I claim to be an actor, I better do it."

We've never really seen you get pissed off about

anything, but there must be something that pisses you off.

Yeah. When someone's rude to service staff, I get furious. That could just as easily be you. Who the f— are you to tell a waiter to hurry up? I hate it. That's my big one.

If you didn't have an answer,

I was going to ask you to say awful things about kittens.

Anyone who would say, "I don't have anything [that I hate]" is a liar. I am not a big fan of cats. I'm going to be controversial. I think they're entitled little bastards. You come home and a dog greets you at the door and is so happy to see you. A cat is just laying on your bed, has just done nothing all day, like, "Oh, hello..."

You have nearly 1 million Twitter followers. How do you wrap your mind around that?

I never say anything political or controversial. I tweet about food or me in a funny outfit. I think it's remarkable you say something like, "Sandwiches are better than burritos" and hundreds of thousands of people have an opinion; like they're ready to fight for it. "You don't like burritos? F— you!" I think it's hilarious.

Quoted

"What we did was we shot the end of the film first, when everything was messed up and destroyed and mucky..."

"Then we shot some interiors and we went to a couple of other locations while this poor production team, who were on their knees by the end of it — after rebuilding a set three times that had been previously flooded — they built it in two days and we were able to shoot the rest of the film. It was nuts."

Emily Blunt, actress
Blunt on shooting *Salmon Fishing in the Yarnies* during a relentless deluge in the highlands of Morocco's Atlas mountains washed out the set three times.

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The Hunger Games opens on March 23. HANDOUT

The Hunger Games screenwriter talks about appeasing fans

Action. Simon Beaufoy feels the pressure of adapting a bestselling series of books into what could be a major movie franchise



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

While the release of The Hunger Games is still more than two weeks away, Academy Award-winning screenwriter Simon Beaufoy is already hard at work on the followup. In fact, he tells Metro, he's just turned in the first draft of his adaptation of Catching Fire to novelist and series creator Suzanne Collins. That's got to make a guy a little nervous.

"I think she's reading it

possibly right now, the first draft. Could well be today," he says of Collins, whose own background has been helpful in the scripting process.

"Because Suzanne has been a film writer and a TV writer, funnily enough she's already done a lot of adapting for me. They'll cut my wage if you say that."

Beaufoy is no stranger to adaptation, with the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire, 127 Hours and the upcoming Salmon Fishing in the Yemen among his credits.

But taking on an installment of the hugely successful Hunger Games series was still daunting.

"With this one, I had to be a lot more faithful also because there's a fan base who are more than usually keen that you get it absolutely right," he says.

"The Hunger Games' fan

base are passionate beyond anything I've ever come across, and I would fear for my life [if I get it wrong]. If I do too free an adaptation of that, I shall get firebombed. So I'm being very careful of that."

Of course, not everything from a book can make it into a movie, so not every bit of Catching Fire will make it to the screen, which Beaufoy freely admits.

But he's cagey when it comes to details. "[Collins] just knows her audience brilliantly, and she'll say 'That bit you just can't cut out because they'll all go crazy.' And other bits she'll go, 'This is fine that you've changed this,'" Beaufoy explains.

"But she really knows her readers. And because she's been in the film world, she understands about adapting, that things have to go and things have to change."

He only has 1000 words left to discover what matters most.

A Thousand Words EDDIE MURPHY

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Silent House

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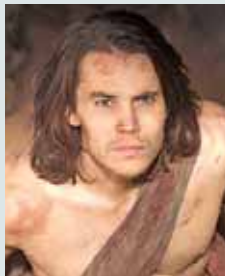
Stars. Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese, Eric Sheffer Stevens

It's an interesting idea, you have to give it that. Based on the Uruguayan film *La Casa Muda*, *Silent House* follows a moody young woman (Elizabeth Olsen) as she's haunted and terrorized in a country house she, her father and her uncle are renovating before selling. And when I say "follows," I mean it literally: *Silent House* is presented in real time, as one continuous take, which can be interesting except for those moments when Olsen has to wait while the cameraman gets out of her way on the stairs.

The film uses its main device to good effect in for the first half of its 88-minute running time, but as the tension continues to ratchet up and clues about what exactly the hell is going on here emerge, the whole thing starts to unravel.

NED EHRBAR

Action



John Carter

Director. Andrew Stanton

Stars. Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe, Samantha Morton

It turns out there is life on Mars — and John Carter aims to save it.

Based on the novels by Edgar Rice Burroughs, the film follows Carter (Canada's own Taylor Kitsch), a former American Civil War captain who now spends his days searching for gold. But when Carter happens upon a special medallion that transports him to Barsoom (the planet we Earthlings call Mars), Carter is forced to fight again. On Barsoom, Carter discovers he can jump vast distances — a trick that interests the Tharks, the native inhabitants of the planet who take Carter prisoner. After escaping, Carter tries to make his way home but finds himself drawn into the fight for the future of Barsoom.

There are some impressive graphics, but the film lacks a coherent storyline, runs about 30 minutes too long and, despite the epic battle scenes, fails to capture your attention.

REGAN REID

Drama



Rampart

Directors. Oren Moverman

Stars. Woody Harrelson, Ben Foster, Sigourney Weaver

Like so many movies released in the last year, *Rampart* is a so-so film dominated by a performance by its lead star. Woody Harrelson is Dave Brown, an amoral LAPD cop with a drinking problem, a complicated love life and a huge legal problem. The film uses its main device to good effect in for the first half of its 88-minute running time, but as the tension continues to ratchet up and clues about what exactly the hell is going on here emerge, the whole thing starts to unravel.

Set just a few years after the Rodney King beatings, Brown's life is turned upside down when he is videotaped beating a suspect. With the release of *Rampart*, Harrelson proves himself to be one of the most versatile actors working today. In *Rampart* he transcends the material, delivering a powerful performance.

RICHARD CROUSE



Katy Butler, a one-time victim of Bullying delivers petition signatures to the MPAA's office. JONATHAN ALCON/REUTERS

Bully slapped with 'R' rating

Documentary. Filmmaker upset that movie may not be accessible to the crowd it aims to educate; petition sent to MPAA

Lee Hirsch had a violent, nightmare middle school experience. Every day multiple students would punch him to the point where his arms were no longer black and blue—they were just plain yellow.

"I had a really hard time communicating the urgency (for help)," he says, looking back on the experience. "It

was very difficult and painful. I couldn't find an adult or my parents who were willing to help me make it stop."

He's grown up, but Hirsch, a successful Sundance and Emmy-award winning director, is revisiting those painful days once more. In his new documentary *Bully* follows the stories of five children and their families, showing how bullying has affected their lives.

But, even though it was intended to be an educational tool, *Bully* is garnering controversy. After being submitted to the MPAA, the governing body that issues American Film Ratings, the board decided to slap the film with an R-rating because the obscene language

was used multiple times. This means anyone under 17, the vast majority of the people who Hirsch hopes to affect with this film, will need an adult to come with them to see the film. "I was surprised and devastated," Hirsch said. "This is a film that has been vetted by multiple educational organizations... This film was not designed to be an R-Rated movie, and to have it rated R is clearly an obstacle."

Though the MPAA has rejected the appeal to have the R-rating overturned, over 200,000 people have signed an online petition to change the rating started by a person who was bullied as a teen.

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Becoming Sarah Palin

TV movie. To step into the hockey jersey of the 2008 vice presidential candidate in the HBO film *Game Change*, actress Julianne Moore's homework included voice lessons and watching reality TV



AMBER RAY

Metro World News in New York

Game Change, the bestselling account of the 2008 presidential election by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, only dedicates a portion of its chapters to John McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his running mate.

But that polarizing moment is the focus of the HBO film *Game Change*, which stars Ed Harris as McCain, Woody Harrelson as his campaign strategist Steve Schmidt, and Julianne Moore as their "star" — the then-relatively unknown but charismatic Palin.

Moore captures the likeness of the former Alaska governor with uncanny precision — without devolving into a Saturday Night Live parody.

"It's a daunting task to play somebody who is not only a living figure, but a hugely well-known one," Moore says. "So, for me, the most important thing was accuracy."

Momma bear moment

"I chased down an ice skating coach once because they messed up the music to my daughter's program."

Julianne Moore on her own Sarah Palin-like "momma bear" moment

The actress put a "tremendous amount of research" into understanding America's most famous hockey mom, including, she says, reading "everything I could get my hands on."

At the top of her list was Palin's memoir, *Going Rogue: An American Life*, as well as *Blind Allegiance* to Sarah Palin: A Memoir of Our Tumultuous Years by Palin aide Frank Bailey, and, of course, *Game Change*.

Moore also watched hours of footage of Palin on the campaign trail, and even had video on hand while filming scenes to nail the candidate's physicality.

"We would sometimes have the computer there when I was doing the debates to watch things very precisely, like beat by beat, to get the gesture just right," Moore explains.

But the first thing the actress did was hire a vocal coach.

"(Palin) has an incredibly idiosyncratic way of speaking," Moore says, "and I really felt I needed to capture that. We are all very familiar with her and with those sort of iconic moments. I mean, it was just four years ago."



Game Change, starring Ed Harris and Julianne Moore, premieres Saturday at 9 p.m. ET on HBO. PHILLIP V. CARUSO

Studying Palin

"One of the things that I watched was her reality show, *Sarah Palin's Alaska*, to kind of familiarize myself with the family and with her family dynamic. And, you know, that was, frankly, adorable. I mean, she's really a very caring, very involved parent."

Julianne Moore

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One for the Money (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-9:50
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Shame (18A) Fri-Thu 10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (STC) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-7:05-9:45
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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (STC) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10
We Need to Talk About Kevin (14A) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-wrecked (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:40-10
Big Miracle (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:55-9:35
Contraband (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-7:05-9:45
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The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50
One for the Money (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:55
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4
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Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (14A) Fri 1:45-4:45-7:40-10 Sat 4:45-7:40-10 Sun-Tue 1:45-4:45-7:40-10 Wed 1:45-4:45-10 Thu 1:45-4:45-7:40-10
Goon (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:30-9:15
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:45-9:45
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Wanderlust (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:35
William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night (STC) Sat 12:45
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Dear Tim Cook:

As the guy entrusted with guiding Apple after Steve's ascent to an insanely greater plane of existence, I sympathize with the burden on your shoulders.

What can you do to keep Apple on this upward trajectory? If I may make a suggestion, I have an idea about music in my car.

Having looked virtually at all the new in-dash infotainment systems, I've come to the conclusion that none of them are as good as they should be.

Yes, things have improved over the last couple of years, but there's still a lot of work to be done.

Every time I plug my iPhone into my car, I'm frustrated that the display in my dash doesn't look or operate anything like the display on my phone. There's voice control, but

compared to what Siri can do, it sucks. The trip computer doesn't talk to the phone and the two GPS systems might as well be operating on different planets.

This is the chaos we see in cars today. Ford's SYNC, Kia's UVO and Entune from Toyota are all based on a Microsoft platform called Windows CE-based Windows Automotive Embedded System 7 — but all look and work differently. Others are working with QNX, a company owned by Research In Motion. None look like the other.

What we need, Tim, is a good ol' Window vs. Mac battle in the car. Better user interfaces.

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That's the rumour, anyway. Could it be you've already thought this through?

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Estelle showing all of herself now that the audience is there

Estelle left the U.K. to find success. Now that she's here though, she's making the most of her success in the spotlight

Estelle said she left the United Kingdom to pursue her career in America because performing R&B music back home was too tough.

"It's so (expletive) hard for British artists to be taken seriously as R&B artists," she said.

"It's frustrating," continued Estelle, who now lives in the United States. "I get a lot of (people saying), 'Yo Estelle, I can't sing R&B and be out here and make money. This is crazy.' And I'm looking at them like, 'I know. That's why I'm not there doing it.'"

Estelle's sound is a mix of rap, R&B, reggae and pop. She says British R&B singers have trouble performing R&B "because No. 1, you're not American."

But R&B music in Europe isn't quite the same as in America. Europe's R&B charts will feature pop acts like Jason Derulo and Flo Rida, whose songs don't appear on

Harder than it looks

"It's so (expletive) hard for British artists to be taken seriously as R&B artists"

Estelle talking about breaking into the music industry



Estelle is making it in America.

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the U.S. R&B chart.

"The kids in the (U.K.) hood still know what R&B music is. They still know what real (R&B) is," she said.

Estelle released her debut,

The 18th Day, in Europe in 2004, but she made her real splash on the music scene in 2008 with the monster hit American Boy, which won her a Grammy Award. The

song featured Kanye West and is from her U.S. debut, Shine, released on John Legend's label imprint, Home School Records.

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Hunter Hayes is finding new success. EVAN AGOSTINI / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Country youngster Hunter Hayes credits Canadian assistance

Says a Canadian connection helped him. He's now one of the hottest country stars in the industry

The process

"I like to walk in with something, an idea, something I've got going on. But that day, I was just fresh out."

Hunter Hayes
Talking about his process for making music

Hunter Hayes was nervous before his first songwriting session with Canadian Gordie Sampson, but not because of Sampson's Grammy-certified pedigree or because Hayes had just recently become an ardent fan of his music.

No, Hayes was anxious because he simply didn't have any good ideas. Sure, the 20-year-old had a couple of musical concepts kicking around in his head — not uncommon considering the multitalented youngster played all 30 instruments on his major-label debut — but he had nothing lyrical, and nothing that could supply the bedrock of a new hit.

"I like to walk in with something, an idea, some-

thing I've got going on. But that day, I was just fresh out," Hayes recalled in an interview this week in Toronto.

"So I was really hoping somebody else would come to the table. And Gordie did." Indeed, the Big Pond, N.S., songwriter — best-known for penning the Carrie Underwood smash Jesus, Take the Wheel — delivered, bringing Hayes the early career-defining hit he needed in the form of the buoyant country-pop ditty Storm Warning, co-written with hit-maker Michael Busbee.

And thus began Hayes' — ahem — whirlwind year.

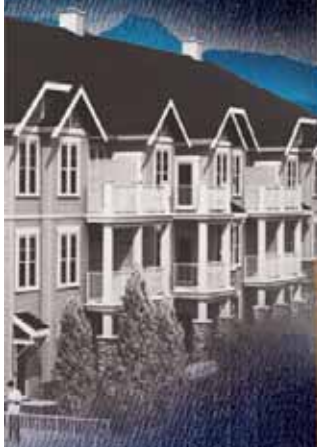
The tune took its time snaking up the charts, seeing release last May but only reaching its peak in January. In between, Hayes opened for crossover country starlet Taylor Swift on a summer arena tour, launched his first solo trek, and introduced enough people to tunes from his solo record that it easily found its way to the U.S. Top 20 upon its October release. He's since earned a best new artist nomination at the Academy of Country Music Awards, which will be held April 1. So when he and his team went out for dinner with Swift prior to the start of their tour together, Hayes wasn't a star-struck industry newbie. Still, he wanted to benefit from the six-time Grammy winner's experience.

"It wasn't as much advice as it was getting to ... see how her mind works and see how she processes things," said Hayes, clad in a tight black sweater, his blond hair carefully dishevelled.

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Andrew Dost, left, Nate Ruess pose for a photo in the green room after a performance at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel in New Hampshire. STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Finally finding commercial fame

Pop trio fun finding success. Super Bowl ad and hitmaker Jeff Bhasker credited with putting them over

Jeff Bhasker, the hitmaker behind acts like Kanye West, Beyoncé, Alicia Keys and Jay-Z, had only been interested in producing for seasoned acts. So, when he was approached by pop-rock trio fun. to produce its sophomore album, there was little excitement.

"I figured I'd just meet with them for 15 minutes and then I don't have to hear them bugging me anymore," admitted Bhasker, who had cancelled two previous meetings with the group.

Then he heard lead singer Nate Ruess — who was admittedly "liquored up" — belt out the lyrics from the group's song We Are Young. Bhasker was so impressed he immediately booked studio time to record the band's next album, and now We Are Young has become the group's breakout hit.

"I was really excited about working with Beyoncé ... (but working) with this indie band from Brooklyn turned out to be equally as exciting," Bhasker said.

Analysis

Taking a big step forward with sales

We Are Young features Janelle Monáe and is from the album Some Nights, which debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 albums

chart this week after selling 70,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

That's a far stretch from the group's debut Aim and Ignite, which peaked at No. 71 and has only sold 74,000 copies since its release in 2009.

Fun. is now on a North American tour that wraps

Bhasker is not the only one excited about the band or its song, which has already reached the No. 3 spot on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

We Are Young initially got a boost thanks to its cover on Fox's Glee, but its use in a Super Bowl commercial for the new Chevrolet Sonic helped it top the iTunes singles chart, and in a week it jumped 38 spots on the Billboard chart.

"What happened with the Super Bowl ad has been the theme for us recently," said guitarist Jack Antonoff. (Andrew Dost, who plays keyboard and other instruments, rounds out the trio).

"We've been really lucky that the times that we've licensed the song, people have used ... (it) in a way that does the song a little bit of justice,"

Ruess added.

Bhasker says he's "lucky Nate was so persistent about wanting to work with me."

"This whole experience has opened me up to working with the new generation and the new, unknown artists of the world," added the producer, who has also worked with Drake, Lana Del Rey, Robin Thicke and Brandy.

Some Nights was recorded in three weeks and is a theatrical adventure of groovy tunes. Ruess sings about his family on several songs; and on the title track he sings: "My heart is breaking for my sister and the con that she called love, but when I look into my nephew's eyes, man you wouldn't believe the most amazing things that can come from some terrible nights."

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'I wrote the book with respect'

Reading. Widower of Selena shares memories of their life together in new book, *To Selena, With Love*

The new book *To Selena, With Love* reveals intimate details about the late Tejano star's life, but the book's author — her widower, Chris Perez — doesn't consider it a "tell-all" kind of book.

"I thought it should be honest, with dignity. I knew there would be things that would make me feel uncomfortable, but I think I wrote the book with respect," Perez, 42, said in a recent interview.

Perez says the book, released Tuesday, allows him to share his memories of Selena Quintanilla, who was shot and killed on March 31, 1995, two weeks shy of her 24th birthday. The Mexican-American singer was a sensation in the Tejano world with hits such as *Como la flor*, *Bidi Bidi Bom Bom* and *El chico del apartamento 512*. She was on the verge of crossing over when she was killed by



Chris Perez wrote the new book, *To Selena, With Love*. MICHAEL ZAMORA/CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yolanda Saldivar, the president of her fan club.

Perez met Selena when he became the lead guitarist for Selena y Los Dinos. It was a band formed by Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., and also featured her siblings Suzette and A.B. Quintanilla.

Perez confesses that he feels remorse for not protecting

his wife. He wonders if things would have been different had he told someone that Selena told him days before her death that Saldivar had shown her a gun. Perez also addresses rumours, including one that Selena was pregnant at the time of her death (she wasn't).

The first part of the book talks about their secret love.

Their romance started behind her father's back, as depicted in the 1997 movie starring Jennifer Lopez, *Selena*.

Selena's father was opposed to their relationship and accused Perez of being with his daughter only for her money.

Selena's father only accepted Perez after the couple eloped in 1992. Perez describes

his father-in-law as an admirable person whom he still loves and respects.

"We had our differences but I love him and respect him like my own father. As a matter of fact, I just went to his studio the other day and I took my kids to see him. We're still a family," he said.

After Selena's death, the

Undying love

"When Selena died, I suppressed the memories, I boxed them away in order to cope. When I decided to write the book, I opened the box and put it all out. It was a beautiful process. It was a good thing to revisit and I can't say I fell in love again because I never stopped loving her."

Chris Perez

guitarist, who lives in San Antonio, struggled to cope with his loss but eventually moved on. He formed The Chris Perez Band, which won a Grammy in 1999. He also married Venessa Villanueva in 2001 and the couple had two kids, but they divorced a few years later.

"As Selena always told the children she spoke to around the country, 'Nothing is impossible if you work hard.' That includes picking up the pieces of your life," Perez said.

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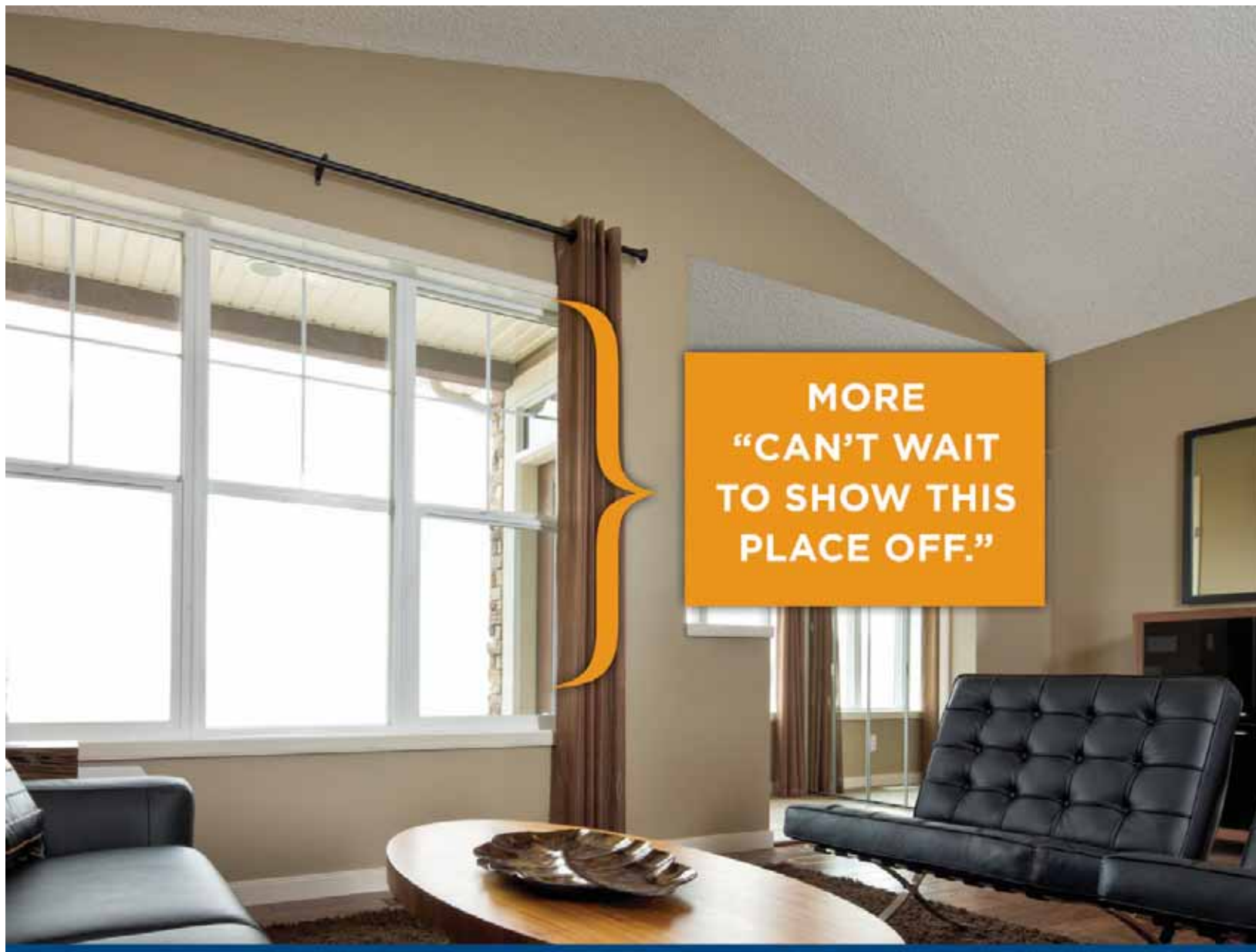
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Ever wanted to see Hulk Hogan naked? Well, now, maybe you can.

The latest celebrity to have to deal with the leak of a purported personal sex tape? Hulk Hogan.

A video allegedly featuring the wrestling veteran and an unidentified woman — though not his ex-wife or his current wife — is reportedly being shopped around to adult film outlets, according to TMZ.

A lawyer for Hogan (whose real name is Terry Bollea) says his client is mortified.

"Terry Bollea is appalled at the unauthorized release of a secretly filmed video," attorney David Houston says.

"He neither approved of the filming nor the

release of the same. It is clearly an outrageous invasion of privacy and breach of trust if it is genuine. We will take all necessary steps to enforce both civil and criminal liability."

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Hulk Hogan

Amanda and Josh secretly dating: Us Weekly

Despite claims last month that she's happily single, Amanda Seyfried has reportedly been dating Josh Hartnett since January, according to *Us Weekly*.

The pair were set up by a

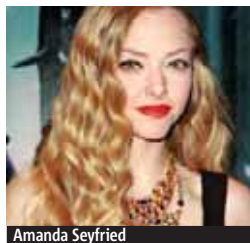
mutual friend, sources say, and for now the relationship has been fairly casual.

"Josh likes to keep things low-key, so they've just been hanging out," a source says.

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Josh Hartnett



Amanda Seyfried

Ashley Olsen says she's done with acting

While her younger sister, Elizabeth Olsen, is making a name for herself as an actress, former child star Ashley Olsen says she's done with on-camera work.

"[Mary-Kate and I] worked non-stop until we were 18. Then we decided to take a break and go to school — and that was when we decided to question whether we would carry on in entertainment," Ashley tells *Elle UK*.

"It was time to step behind the process. I wanted to work on other things. It doesn't mean I'm not interested in Hollywood, I like the way it operates and the people who are involved and the sense of possibility. But if I ever do get back in, it's not going to be as an actress."

There's no word if twin sister Mary-Kate feels the same way.

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Ashley Olsen

Does Will have a special friend?

Star magazine flames the fire on Will Smith sexuality rumours



THE WORD

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Star magazine is throwing their tabloid hands in the air and are just going for it. This week's cover story isn't shocking for what they're writing about, but rather what they're implying.

In a screaming headline that proclaims Will & Jada's Divorce Secret: The Man Who Came Between Them! the magazine goes on to say that Duane Martin, Tisha Campbell-Martin's husband, and Will Smith are just way too close, going on vacations to Miami, Trinidad and Las Vegas together.

A "source" practically outs Smith: "Jada can't stand Will's relationship with Duane. She

feels like Will flaunts it in her face, hanging out with him every day and taking him on exotic vacations while she's sitting home alone. Will and Jada's marriage is completely fractured, and it's only getting worse as Will spends more time away with Duane. I don't know how much longer they can live this way. It's only a matter of time until one of them makes the split official and files for divorce."

Of course, there have been whispers about both Will and Jada's sexuality for years, but no magazine has so blatantly gone there.

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Jessica Simpson almost went on a bender while she was first preggo

Jessica Simpson says she found out she was pregnant thanks to some intuition right before a planned day of binge-drinking.

"We were going to have an all-day drinking binge," Simpson tells *Elle* magazine. "Going to ride our bikes, hang out, do naughty things. But I started feeling this overwhelming guilt. Why would I feel guilt at the idea of going out and having cocktails with my friends?"

Somehow she knew to take a pregnancy test, which obviously put the drinking marathon on hold.

"I'm a free-spirited girl, but giving up my scotch? My Macallan 18? That was hard for me," Simpson says of being pregnant. METRO



Jessica Simpson

Sienna admits she's expecting

Sienna Miller has confirmed to *Vogue UK* that she's with child. "I'm in my second trimester, so I'm I-can-talk-about-it pregnant, even though I'm under strict instructions not to say anything," the actress says. "I'm feeling fine. It's all progressing very nicely and it's very exciting." So why stay mum? Miller — who has been campaigning for privacy rights after being stalked by paparazzi and getting caught up in the News of the World phone-hacking scandal — says she doesn't want to contradict herself. "[Speaking about my pregnancy] would completely defeat the point of everything I've tried to achieve in the last eight years," she explains.

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These aren't your mom's ham & cheese sandwiches

Guinness Marinated Flank Steak Sandwiches with Grilled Onions and Boursin Cheese



Serve this dish as a meal with boiled potatoes and cabbage. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guinness Marinated Flank Steak Sandwiches. This creation uses grilled onions and creamy Boursin cheese

The depth of flavour from the Guinness marinade in this recipe is enhanced by a touch of rich herb and garlic cheese that melts on the hot steak and onions.

Freeze the cheese to make it easier to shave just enough on the top of the grilled steak and onions. This prevents too much cheese from being layered on.

Onions are easier to grill without falling apart if you skewer them before cooking. Cut an onion into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick slices. Thread the

centre of each onion with a bamboo skewer that has been soaked in water. Place the onion skewers on the cooking grates and turn once halfway through cooking.

1 Use paper towels to pat steak dry, then set it in a glass or stainless-steel container with a tight cover. Pour Guinness over steak. Set onion slices on top of steak, then cover container and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.

2 Heat a gas or charcoal grill to medium. Set cheese in freezer. Remove meat and onions from marinade and pat dry. Brush everything with a thin coat of olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Place steak and onions on cooking grate over direct heat and sear for 6 to 8 minutes. Turn steak and onions

and sear on second side for another 6 to 8 minutes. (Alternatively, you also can sear steak and onions on a stovetop grill or grill pan for several minutes per side, then finish cooking in a 180 C/350 F oven set on a rack over a sheet pan.)

3 Transfer steak and onions to a platter. Remove cheese from freezer and use a vegetable peeler or paring knife to shave Boursin on top of steak and onions. Cover with foil and set aside. Brush each slice of bread with oil, then grill them until lightly toasted, 1 to 2 minutes. Thinly slice steak, then assemble sandwiches with bread, steak and onions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, A GRILLING AND SOUTHERN FOODS EXPERT AND EXECUTIVE CHEF AT HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE MARKET RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS HILL**

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- 2 large red onions, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick slices
- 1 small container Boursin cheese
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
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It sure impressed the ladies. At least I think it did. I can't seem to remember. Either way, I still have an affinity for Mexico's native spirit though today I'm more into how it mixes in cocktails.

I love the margarita because it's so easy make (all you need is tequila, Triple Sec orange liqueur and some lime juice) and it's one cocktail that really allows the booze elements to show through the mix.

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The Flames (30-25-12) host the Jets (32-27-8), who played in Vancouver on Thursday night. Calgary edged Montreal 5-4 on Tuesday for its third win in its last 10 games. Blake Wheeler leads Winnipeg in scoring with 54 points thanks to a strong February in which he recorded 18 points in 14 games. Alex Tanguay has five points as part of a four-game scoring streak and has 31 assists on the season. Ondrej Pavelec allowed one goal in his first two starts this month, stopping 56 of 57 shots combined.

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N.W.T./Yukon skip Jamie Koe watches his shot as second Brad Chorostkowski, left, and lead Robert Borden sweep during a Thursday morning draw against New Brunswick. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Territories make curling history

Brier. No team from the North had ever reached the playoffs

Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba advancing to the playoffs at the Canadian men's curling championship was predictable. Yukon and Northwest Territories joining the perennial powers was not.

Jamie Koe's Yellowknife team snared the fourth and final playoff berth with an 8-3 win over B.C.'s Jim Cotter to finish the preliminary round 7-4

on Thursday.

It's the first time since play-off games were introduced to the Brier format in 1980 that a Territories team has made the playoffs. Don Twa's Territories team finished tied for runner-up in 1975 when the event was a round-robin format.

"It's unreal," Koe said. "We're from the North. We don't get to play that much, or we choose not to play that much because it's so expensive, so it's pretty special and we know everyone back home is going nuts right now."

"Once I get to my phone, it's going to be going off all night."

Koe joins older brother and Alberta skip Kevin in the final four and will face him in a Page playoff between the third and fourth seeds Saturday.

"It's guaranteed someone is going to be in the semifinal," Jamie Koe said. "It's my dad's 65th birthday today so what a way to celebrate his birthday, I think."

Ontario's Glenn Howard (10-1) finished first and Manitoba's Rob Fowler second at 8-3. They'll meet in Friday's Page playoff between the top-two seeds (TSN, 5:30).

A direct trip to Sunday's final is on the line. The loser

falls to Saturday's semifinal to meet the winner of Koe versus Koe.

Kevin Koe needed a win over Howard on Thursday to finish first, but a 6-3 loss dropped his team to third at 8-3.

Alberta thumped the Territories 11-3 in the preliminary round. They opened the round robin 6-0, but lost three of their last five. Alberta third Pat Simmons is suffering from a respiratory infection and taking antibiotics for it.

Kevin Koe won the Canadian and world championships two years ago. While the Alberta skip understands what

his brother's accomplishment means to him and to curling in Yukon and Northwest Territories, he's not willing to let Jamie make more history Saturday.

"I'm happy they're in the playoffs, for sure," Kevin Koe said. "It's huge for everyone back home and curling back home."

"It's a good story and hopefully it ends Saturday. It's time for us to get our killer instinct out. We've got to come out and beat up whoever we're playing. Now that they're in the playoffs, that's a good week for them and it's time to end it."

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Marino happy to take Manning's questions

If Peyton Manning wants to talk about playing quarterback for the Miami Dolphins, Dan Marino would be thrilled to take his call.

And just in case, Marino has his sales pitch ready.

"There's great tradition there. We've had a couple off years but believe me, they'll be back," said Marino, the Hall of Famer who threw for 420 touchdowns and more than 61,000 yards in his Dolphins career.

"It's a great franchise and

Quoted



Dan Marino
Hall of Fame QB who played his entire NFL career in Miami.

"I probably wouldn't (call Manning) unless he asks for some advice."

they'll get it turned around."

Manning would almost certainly help in that quest, which largely started when Marino retired more than a decade ago.

From the moment the four-time MVP parted with the Indianapolis Colts on Wednesday, buzz about Manning has been growing in Miami — much of it fueled by the quarterback's arrival in South Florida shortly after becoming an NFL free agent for the first time. Manning insists he

doesn't know what his next move will be, and Marino believes him.

"I think he fits with anybody," Marino said Thursday at a charity golf tournament. "He's one of the best to ever play the game at that position. So wherever he ends up playing, if he's healthy, which is going to be important to Peyton, I'm sure he wants to go out there and play at a high level. Wherever he plays, he'll be a huge impact for that team."

The Dolphins are believed

to be one of the teams interested in adding Manning; Miami plays a game at Indianapolis next season.

Washington, Arizona, Seattle, Denver and Kansas City also are likely to talk to him, along with the Jets — the team that shares a stadium with the Giants and Manning's two-time, Super Bowl-winning brother Eli. ESPN reported Thursday that Manning will make a decision within the next week and wants to stay in the AFC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New Jersey	66	37	24	2	3	184	176	79	17-12-0-3	20-12-2-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Ottawa	68	35	25	6	2	209	201	78	17-13-2-1	18-12-4-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Winnipeg	67	32	27	4	4	176	187	72	21-10-1-3	11-17-3-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Washington	66	32	28	3	3	175	188	70	21-10-1-2	11-18-2-1	4-5-1-0	L3
Buffalo	67	31	28	4	4	166	188	70	17-11-3-4	14-17-1-0	7-1-1-1	W1
Tampa Bay	66	31	29	3	3	187	226	68	20-10-1-1	11-19-2-2	7-3-0-0	L1
Toronto	67	30	30	4	3	200	209	67	16-13-3-2	14-17-1-1	2-7-1-0	L2
NY Islanders	66	28	29	6	3	154	190	65	15-14-5-0	13-15-2-2	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	67	25	27	9	6	177	203	65	17-13-1-5	8-14-8-1	4-2-2-2	L1
Montreal	67	25	32	2	8	174	189	60	12-15-2-6	13-17-0-2	2-7-0-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE												
	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	67	42	18	1	6	174	132	91	27-4-1-3	15-14-0-3	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Vancouver	67	41	18	1	7	211	166	90	19-10-0-4	22-10-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
d-Dallas	67	36	26	1	4	179	180	77	18-12-0-3	18-14-1-1	7-1-1-1	W3
Detroit	67	43	21	1	2	211	156	89	27-4-1-1	16-14-0-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Nashville	66	38	21	4	3	188	171	83	21-8-2-3	17-13-1-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Chicago	68	36	25	4	3	203	200	79	22-7-1-3	14-18-3-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	67	33	25	6	6	173	170	75	17-12-2-2	16-13-1-4	6-4-0-0	L4
San Jose	65	33	24	4	4	181	166	74	19-11-2-1	14-13-2-3	2-7-0-1	L3
Los Angeles	66	31	23	5	7	147	143	74	17-13-0-4	14-10-5-3	5-4-0-1	W2
Colorado	68	35	29	3	1	178	181	74	19-15-0-1	16-14-0-3	7-3-0-0	W2
Calgary	67	30	25	5	7	164	185	72	17-9-1-4	13-15-4-3	3-2-2-3	W1
Anaheim	67	29	28	4	6	170	188	68	18-14-2-0	11-14-2-6	5-4-0-1	W1
Minnesota	67	28	29	2	8	144	187	66	15-12-1-3	13-17-1-5	7-6-0-1	L5
Edmonton	66	26	34	2	4	175	198	58	16-13-2-2	10-21-2-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Columbus	66	21	38	2	5	156	216	49	12-18-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-4-1-0	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 3 Toronto 2
Buffalo 3 Carolina 2 (OT)
Tuesday's results
Calgary 5 Montreal 4
Edmonton 3 San Jose 2 (SO)
Ottawa 7 Tampa Bay 3
Boston 5 Toronto 4
Dallas 5 Vancouver 2
Carolina 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Colorado 7 Minnesota 1
Columbus 3 Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 5 Nashville 4
New Jersey 4 N.Y. Rangers 1
Philadelphia 3 Detroit 2
St. Louis 5 Chicago 1
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Washington at Boston, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

PENGUINS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Rosehill Tor (high-sticking) 6:39, Rosehill Tor (charging) 14:09, Neal Pgh (slashing) 15:15, Malkin Pgh (high-sticking) 18:56, Liles Tor (double high-sticking) 20:00.
Second Period
1. Toronto, Kessel 34 (Gardiner, Bozak) 1:00
2. Toronto, Gunnarsson 4 (Grabovski, MacArthur) 7:36
3. Pittsburgh, Pa.Dupuis 16 (Niskanen, Staal) 9:25
Penalty — Staal Pgh (tripping) 0:12.
Third Period
4. Pittsburgh, Staal 22 (Orpik, Pa.Dupuis) 1:34
5. Pittsburgh, Pa.Dupuis 17 (Sullivan, Lovejoy) 4:10
Penalty — Neal Pgh (holding stick) 13:05.
Shots
Toronto 3 10 11 24
Pittsburgh 11 10 12 33
Goal — Toronto: Gustavsson (L,17-15-2); Pittsburgh: Thiessen (W,2-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-4; Pittsburgh: 0-4.
Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Brian Murphy, Thor Nelson.
Att. — 18,539 (18,387).

SCORING LEADERS			
	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	48	33	81
Malkin, Pgh	38	43	81
Giroux, Pha	24	53	77
Spezza, Ott	28	44	72
Kessel, Tor	34	37	71
Lupul, Tor	25	42	67
Karlsson, Ott	16	51	67
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	53	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	28	36	64
Hossa, Chi	27	37	64
Kovalchuk, NJ	26	38	64
Eberle, Edm	30	33	63
Tavares, NYI	26	37	63
Elias, NJ	22	41	63

CURLING

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At Saskatoon All Times Eastern				
ROUND-ROBIN				
Province (Skip)	W	L		
x-Alberta (Howard)	8	1		
x-Alberta (K. Koe)	7	2		
Manitoba (R. Fowler)	6	3		
Northwest Territories/Yukon (J. Koe)	5	4		
Northern Ontario (Jacobs)	5	4		
New Brunswick (T. Odishaw)	4	5		
Nova Scotia (J. Murphy)	4	5		
British Columbia (Cotter)	4	5		
Newfoundland & Labrador (Gushue)	3	6		
Quebec (Desjardins)	3	6		
P.E.I. (Gaudet)	3	6		
Saskatchewan (Manners)	2	7		
x — clinched playoff berth				
Yesterday's results				
DRAW 12				
Alberta 11 Northwest Territories/Yukon 3				
Newfoundland & Labrador 10 Saskatchewan 6				
Northern Ontario 9 Quebec 2				
Ontario 8 British Columbia 4				
DRAW 13				
Manitoba 10 Northwest Territories/Yukon 5				
New Brunswick 9 Saskatchewan 8				
Ontario 10 Prince Edward Island 5				
Quebec 7 Nova Scotia 6				
DRAW 14				
Manitoba 8 Alberta 5				
New Brunswick 6 Newfoundland & Labrador 4				
Northern Ontario 11 Nova Scotia 4				
Prince Edward Island 7 British Columbia 5				
Tuesday's results				
NINTH DRAW				
Alberta 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 1				
British Columbia 7 Northern Ontario 3				
Manitoba 10 Nova Scotia 7				
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 6				
DRAW 10				
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 British Columbia 6				
Northern Ontario 7 Alberta 6				
Northwest Territories/Yukon 8 Quebec 7 (extra end)				
Ontario 7 Saskatchewan 5 (extra end)				
DRAW 11				
Nova Scotia 10 Saskatchewan 7				
Ontario 8 Manitoba 4				
Prince Edward Island 0 Northwest Territories/Yukon 6				
Quebec 8 New Brunswick 3				
Today's games				
DRAW 15, 9:30 A.M.				
Ontario vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. New Brunswick; Prince Edward Island vs. Quebec.				
DRAW 16, 2:30 P.M.				
Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Prince Edward Island; British Columbia vs. New Brunswick; Northern Ontario vs. Manitoba; Nova Scotia vs. Alberta.				
DRAW 17, 7:30 P.M.				
Northwest Territories/Yukon vs. British Columbia; Quebec vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Ontario vs. Alberta; Northern Ontario vs. Saskatchewan.				
Tomorrow's games				
TIEBREAKERS (IF REQUIRED)				
One Draw — 1:30 p.m.				
Two Draws — 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.				
Three Draws — 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.				
PAGE PLAYOFFS				
One vs. Two, 7:30 p.m.				
Saturday's games				
PAGE PLAYOFFS				
Three vs. Four, 2:30 p.m.				
SEMIFINAL				
One-Two loser vs. Three-Four winner, 8 p.m.				
Sunday's games				
THIRD PLACE				
Semifinal loser vs. Three-Four loser, 10 a.m.				
CHAMPIONSHIP				
One-Two Winner vs. Semifinal winner, 7 p.m.				

SOCCER

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All Times Eastern		
QUARTER-FINALS		
FIRST LEG		
Last night's results		
Toronto FC 2 LA Galaxy (U.S.) 2		
Seattle Sounders (U.S.) vs. Santos (Mexico)		
Tuesday's result		
Morelia (Mexico) 1 Monterrey (Mexico) 3		
Tonight's game		
Isidro Metapan (El Salvador) vs. Pumas (Mexico), 8 p.m.		
SECOND LEG		
Tuesday, March 13		
Monterrey (Mexico) vs. Morelia (Mexico), 10 p.m.		
Wednesday, March 14		
Santos (Mexico) vs. Seattle Sounders (U.S.), 8 p.m.		
LA Galaxy (U.S.) vs. Toronto FC (Canada), 10 p.m.		
Thursday, March 15		
Pumas (Mexico) vs. Isidro Metapan (El Salvador), 10 p.m.		

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ROUND OF 16		
SECOND LEG		
Yesterday's results		
APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus) 1 Lyon (France) 0		
(1-1 on aggregate. APOEL advances 4-3 on penalties)		
Barcelona (Spain) 7 Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1		
(Barcelona advances 10-2 on aggregate)		
Tuesday's results		
Arsenal (England) 3 AC Milan (Italy) 0		
(AC Milan advances 4-3 on aggregate)		
Benfica (Portugal) 2 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 0		
(Benfica advances 4-3 on aggregate)		

ITALY

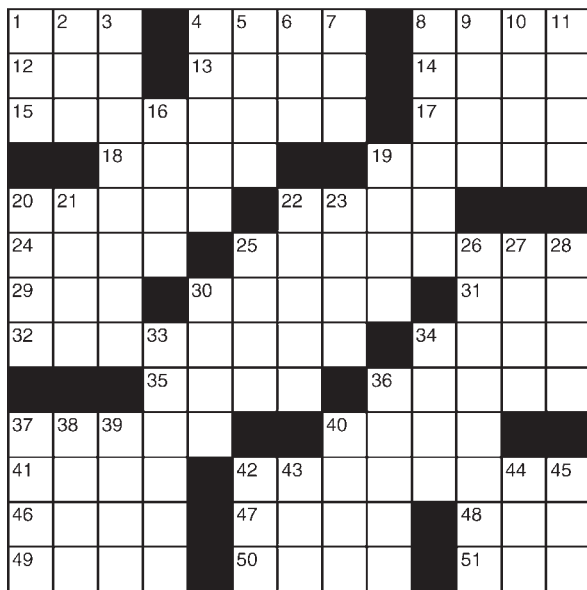
SERIE A							
Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AC Milan	26	16	6	4	53	22	54
Juventus	26	13	13	0	39	17	52
Lazio	26	14	6	6	41	30	48
Udinese	26	13	7	6	37	23	46
Napoli	26	11	10	5	44	25	43
Roma	26	11	5	10	39	33	38
Inter Milan	26	11	4	11	36	36	37
Catania	26	8	11	7	34	35	35
Palermo	26	10	4	12	39	43	34
Chievo Verona	26	9	7	10	22	31	34
a-Atlanta	26	9	11	6	30	28	32
Fiorentina	26	8	8	10	27	27	32
Bologna	26	8	8	10	26	30	32
Genoa	26	5	12	9	35	42	27
Napoli	26	7	10	9	23	29	27
Parma	26	7	8	11	38	41	30
Siena	26	7	8	11	30	28	29
Lecce	26	6	7	13	30	42	25
Novara	26	3	8	15	21	46	17
Cesena	26	4	5	17	16	40	17

Crossword

Across

1 Corn spike
4 Stow cargo
8 Office note
12 Life story, for short
13 Lotion additive
14 Acknowledge
15 Unwanted repercussions
17 Cleo's river
18 Doctor's due
19 Stopped a squeak
20 Aesopian lesson
22 Transcending (Pref.)
24 Pavlov or Lendl
25 Aped
29 Calendar abbr.
30 Paycheck extra
31 Aye canceler
32 Rorschach patterns
34 "Phooey!"
35 Tramp's love
36 Syrup provider
37 Talking bird
40 Addition problems

41 Thy
42 Group of sub-marines
46 Youngster
47 Fix a text
48 Dove's call
49 Gardening tools
50 Ms. Moore
51 Barbie's companion
Down
1 "Cabaret" lyricist
2 Have a bug
3 Car attachment
4 Tag
5 "Sad to say ..."
6 Elmer, to Bugs
7 "A mouse!"
8 "Flashdance"



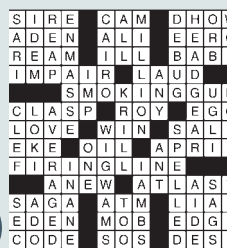
song
9 Satanic
10 Double agent
11 Hadn't paid yet
16 Slowly withdraw (from)
19 Elevator name
20 Calf-length
21 It takes the cake
22 Like some mouthwash
23 Ostriches' kin
25 Disposition
26 Hiker's carryall
27 Count counter-part
28 Unit of force
30 Mediocre

33 Trumpet sounds
34 Moist
36 Civvies
37 Legend
38 Vacillate
39 Use the microwave
40 Slender
42 Marry
43 Praise in verse
44 Miler Sebastian

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Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 12°
MIN: 5°

SATURDAY



MAX: 8°
MIN: 1°

SUNDAY



MAX: 8°
MIN: -4°

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WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM



Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April

20. Your head may be full of great ideas but are they practical? That is the question you need to ask.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May

21. You are where you are for a reason and your primary objective now should be to work out what that reason is. Look around.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You will see or hear something that hands you the opportunity for which you have been waiting.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July

22. It does not matter how many tasks you have to deal with today, you will breeze through them all without a care in the world.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Someone is trying to deceive you and you will catch them red-handed today. Get tough.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Someone is desperate for you to tell them how much you appreciate them. The good news is you will find it easy to open up.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

It may look as if you are getting the poor end of a deal, but over the next few weeks you will more than make up for it.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Do something meaningful, something that makes a difference. The possibilities are endless.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 -

Dec. 21. Some people will be a little bit demanding today and it seems you have little choice but to do as they say.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. This is one of the best times to get out and about and trade opinions with people.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb

18. You will have to make sacrifices over the next two or three days but each and every one of them will be worth it.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

The Sun in your sign means there is no better time to find ways to improve yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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